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IN THE DRAWINGS

Please add new Figure 14 as shown on the accompanying drawing sheet. No new matter has been added.

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4 are now pending in the application. Claim 3 has been canceled.

Claims 1 and 4 are independent.

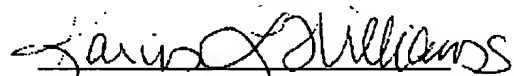
First, Applicant notes with appreciation the indication in the Action that independent Claims 1, 2 and 4 are allowable over the art of record.

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Action notes that the "smooth flexible tube" of claims 1 and 3 must be shown or the feature canceled from the claims". This issue is addressed in the accompanying specification amendments and new drawing sheet Figure 14. No new matter has been added. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is requested.

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 5,899,899 (Arless). Claim 3 has been canceled in order to place the application in condition for allowance. The cancellation of Claim 3 renders this, the only outstanding rejection, moot.

Since the Applicant has fully responded to the rejection set out in the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that in regard to the above amendment and remarks that the pending application is patentable over the art of record and prompt review and issuance is accordingly requested. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues may be resolved.

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